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Windy, wintry mix

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After the dry and frosty conditions of December and early January, Met Office forecasters are expecting a windy, wintry mix of weather this weekend and next week.

Atlantic weather systems will bring gales to many parts, accompanied by periods of rain and a mix of hail, sleet and snow showers. Winds of 80 m.p.h. are possible in the worst-affected areas of north-west Britain over the weekend, possibly leading to disruption.

During severe weather, the Met Office team of regionally-based Public Weather Service Advisors work with regional emergency planning groups to prepare for possible disruption, helping to keep Britain moving.

The Met Office provides detailed forecasts to airport, road and rail operators. It has a team of dedicated forecasters working side-by-side with the Highways Agency (HA) to ensure constant updates are available to the travelling public.

It is important during potentially-severe weather to check the latest forecast. The detail can often be very important and can change at short notice.

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